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SUBJECT: JOHNNY CASH MESSAGE FOR PRESIDENT CARTER

"PRESIDENT JIMMY CARTER

WE ARE VERY SORRY TO MISS YOUR DINNER AT THE WHITE HOUSE THIS
WEEK, BUT WE ARE HAPPY TO SAY THAT OUR FOUR SHOWS IN PRAGUE
HAVE BEEN VERY WELL-RECEIVED BY SELL-OUT AUDIENCES TOTALING
44,000 PEOPLE. OUR VERY BEST REGARDS, JOHNNY AND JUNE CASH."

AMBASSADOR THOMAS R. BYRNE ADDS: MR. PRESIDENT, I AM SORRY
THAT JOHNNY CASH'S PREVIOUS COMMITMENT TO PLAY HIS FIRST
EASTERN EUROPEAN CONCERTS PREVENTED HIM FROM JOINING YOU AT
THE WHITE HOUSE. YOU WILL BE PLEASED TO KNOW THAT HIS PER-
FORMANCES WERE ENTHUSIASTICALLY RECEIVED BY STANDING ROOM ONLY
AUDIENCES OF YOUNG PEOPLE WHO CAME FROM PRAGUE AND SEVERAL
DISTANT CITIES. AT A LUNCHEON AT THE RESIDENCE APRIL 11,
CASH MET WITH MORE THAN 50 CZECHOSLOVAK JOURNALISTS AND YOUNG
MUSICIANS, SANG, AND LISTENED TO A PRAGUE BLUEGRASS BAND PLAY
"ORANGE BLOSSOM SPECIAL" IN HONOR OF HIS FIRST VISIT HERE.
JOHNNY CASH WAS A FIRST-RATE MUSICAL AMBASSADOR FOR HIS
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